Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 17 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Monday 18 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 16 Jan 2021 at 12:08 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for plenty of snow over the coming day as well as wet weather for lower slopes. Lower confidence for detail from later Tuesday colder, clearer conditions look likely to dominate from midweek.

Headline for Sunday 17 Jan 2021: Heavy snow showers and poor visibility.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 17 Jan 2021

Blizzards
High Likelihood

Heavy Snow
High Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow	Light snow showers	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability							
60%	70%	60%	70%	80%	90%	90%	90%

Forecast for Sunday 17 Jan 2021

Weather: Westerly winds will bring continued fast changing conditions with frequent snow showers across all ranges. Showers will merge into a longer period of snowfall by afternoon, bringing widely whiteout conditions with blizzards. Snow will fall above around 400m through morning, this rising to 700-800m through afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% through morning with breaks generally short lived, falling to almost zero chance by afternoon as cloud thickens and lowers.

Visibility: Very variable through morning with snow showers never far away. Becoming widely limited to a few hundred metres, often less, above modest elevations.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	36/44 W	32/40 W	31/38 W	30/37 SW	30/38 SW	35/45 SW	31/40 SW	32/43 SW	36/47 SW
900	24/32 W	22/29 W	18/26 W	19/27 W	21/29 SW	22/31 SW	21/30 W	21/32 SW	24/34 W
600	25/32 SW	21/27 SW	21/27 SW	20/27 SW	24/32 SW	25/33 SW	23/31 SW	24/34 SW	28/38 SW
300	14/21 W	11/16 SW	9/15 SW	11/16 SW	14/22 SW	15/25 SW	12/20 SW	11/22 SW	13/22 SW
Glen	11/24 W	7/19 W	6/16 W	6/16 W	10/21 SW	9/23 SW	9/23 SW	11/24 SW	12/29 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-14	-4/-14	-4/-14	-4/-13	-3/-12	-3/-12	-2/-11	-3/-11	-3/-12
900	-2/-10	-2/-9	-2/-9	-2/-8	-1/-8	-1/-8	-0/-7	-0/-7	-1/-8
600	0/-7	0/-6	0/-6	1/-6	1/-5	2/-5	2/-4	2/-5	2/-5
300	2/-2	2/-2	3/-1	3/-1	4/-1	4/-1	4/0	4/0	4/0
Glen	4/0	4/2	4/2	4/2	6/2	6/3	6/4	6/3	6/3
Freezing Level*	600m	600m	600m	600m	700m	800m	900m	900m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Gusts closer to 50mph on highest ground around showers. Be aware of lowering cloud levels through afternoon. Best conditions likely across Arran.

Forecast for Monday 18 Jan 2021
Weather: A similar day to Sunday with frequent snow falling to around 700m, while rain, sleet and hail falls below this. Ground becoming sodden on lower slopes from persistent rain. Widely poor visibility and near constant, often heavy snowfall at times.

Maximum wind: SW 25-30mph, gusting up to 45mph. Easing a little through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% for Arran, otherwise virtually no chance.

Visibility: Cloud bases persistent around 300-500m. Whiteout conditions likely for all ranges except Arran. Best visibility on lower slopes and on some more sheltered eastern aspects.

Temperature: **Glens:** 4-6C.
At 800m: Minus 2C.
Freezing level: 800m.

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